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**DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION**

We, Andrew P. Kramer, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 418 South Sixth Street, Stillwater, Minnesota 55082 and Jeffrey Stahmann, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 4850 - 154th Avenue N.W., Ramsey, Minnesota 55303; hereby declare that we verily believe we, along with Veerichetty A. Kadhiresan, are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "TRENDING OF CONDUCTION TIME FOR OPTIMIZATION OF CARDIAC RESYNCHRONIZATION THERAPY IN CARDIAC RHYTHM MANAGEMENT SYSTEM", the specification of which is attached hereto.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the said specification including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the Oath or Declaration.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

We hereby appoint NIKOLAI & MERSEREAU, P.A., a professional association, consisting of the following attorneys/agents and the following attorneys/agents individually: Thomas J. Nikolai, Registration No. 19,283; Charles G. Mersereau, Registration No. 26,205 and Steven E. Kahm, Registration No. 30,860, of 820

International Centre, 900 Second Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402-3325; Telephone No. (612) 339-7461, and hereby appoint the following attorneys/agents individually: Richard R. Clapp, Registration No. 31,751; Bryan Phillips, Registration No. 46,990; and Tyler L. Nasiedlak, Registration No. 40,099 of 4100 Hamline Avenue No., St. Paul, Minnesota 55112-5798 as our attorneys/agents with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

Please direct all telephone calls and correspondence to: Thomas J. Nikolai, Esq. at NIKOLAI & MERSEREAU, P.A., 820 International Centre, 900 Second Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402-3325.

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the

application or any patent issued thereon.

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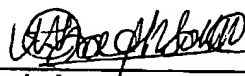
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